

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE VARIOUS
BOARDS OF TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF MENDON,
INCLUDING REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE
Municipal Year Ending March 2, 1908.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Town of Mendon for the fiscal year ending February 3, 1908, respectfully submits an account of his doings.

The Treasurer debits himself with receiving the following sums, viz :

To cash received of the Treasurer for the year ending February 7, 1907.....	\$ 291 00
To cash borrowed on four Town notes....	4,000 00
To cash received, Steere & Brown, telephone tolls.....	50 20
To cash received, N. E. T. & T. Co. commission on tolls.....	17 90
To cash received, A. E. Southwick, butcher's license.....	1 00
To cash received, A. E. Southwick, rendering license.....	1 00
To cash received, Walter A. Gaskill, grass	1 00
To cash received, W. G. Pond, clerk Third District Court.....	50 00
To cash received, S. Warren Cook, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
To cash received, Walter Wilbur, fumigating.....	4 00
To cash received, H. S. Coleman, fumigating.....	4 00
To cash received, Mr. Austin, Uxbridge, tuition.....	17 00
To cash received, M. & U. St. Ry. Co., Grove license.....	50 00
To cash received, D. H. Barnes, bowling alley license.....	6 00
To cash received, Buck & Taft, skating rink license.....	15 00

To cash received, F. J. Dutcher, Secretary District School Committee.....	\$416 66
To cash received, E. A. Brown, County Treasurer, dog tax.....	181 56
To cash received, State Treasurer, inspection of animals.....	18 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Corporation tax.....	57 70
To cash received, State Treasurer, National bank tax.....	501 57
To cash received, State Treasurer, State aid	674 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Street Railway tax.....	43 79
To cash received, State Treasurer, assistant in High School.....	500 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, income School fund.....	1,229 99
To cash received, J. B. Driscoll, one-half fees, for weighing.....	17 18
To cash received, Julia F. Darling, three Town annals.....	8 25
To cash received, H. C. Adams, two Proprietors' records.....	6 00
To cash received, Austin Wood, Relief fund.....	52 50
To cash received, A. I. Barrows.....	52 00
To cash received, Roy A. Barrows.....	18 00
To cash received, Leonard T. Gaskill, Collector, 1904.....	8 85
To cash received, Leonard T. Gaskill, Collector, 1905.....	584 08
To cash received, Leonard T. Gaskill, Collector, 1906.....	1,722 62
To cash received, Leonard T. Gaskill, Collector, 1907.....	7,944 64
	—————\$18,547 49

The Treasurer credits himself with paying the following sums, viz :

By paying 99 Town orders	\$8,979 18
“ School Committee.....	2,345 21
“ Town notes.....	4,000 00
“ Interest on same.....	185 17
“ 2 notes, new school building.....	650 00

By paying Interest on notes, new school building	\$411 37
“ County tax	680 00
“ State tax	760 00
By cash on hand to balance	536 56
	—————\$18,547 49
By cash on hand, Excise tax	381 76

LEONARD T. GASKILL, Treasurer.

Mendon, February 3, 1908.

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

DR.

To cash received of L. T. Gaskill, Treasurer, 1906-1907, deposited in Milford Savings Bank	\$1,038 27
To cash deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings	529 76
To cash received as interest of Worcester County Institution for Savings	21 18
To cash received as interest of Milford Savings Bank	38 17
	————— \$1,627 38

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By cash paid, two Town orders	\$52 50
By cash deposited in Milford Savings Bank	1,023 94
By cash deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings	550 94
	————— \$1,627 38

LEONARD T. GASKILL, Treasurer.

Mendon, February 3, 1908.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report of expenditures of the Town for the fiscal year ending February 5, 1908:—

INCIDENTALS.

H. C. Adams, insurance	\$28 40
C. A. Fletcher, work in old cemetery.....	10 00
Arthur V. Pond, ballot clerk, March	2 00
John J. Driscoll, " " "	2 00
Edward F. Driscoll, teller "	2 00
Clarence A. Taft, "	2 00
Walter E. Wilber, three-fourths wages during quar- antine, Act, 1907.....	48 00
Oscar F. Wilber, three-fourths wages during quar- antine, Act, 1907.....	42 00
Abbott A. Jenkins, services in criminal case	13 30
Dexter E. Fisher, " " " "	6 34
Carter Ink Co., supplies.....	75
T. Otis Daffon, services July 3 and 4.....	3 00
Worcester Abstract Co., supplies for assessors.....	7 30
R. E. Hazard, services July 3 and 4.....	3 00
Dexter E. Fisher, services July 3 and 4	3 00
F. W. Draper & Co., supplies for assessors	3 00
H. C. Snell. services in criminal case	6 54
Jas. Ryan, stamp for sealer of weights and measures	45
A. W. Gaskill, inspecting animals	36 00
C. A. Fletcher, services July 3 and 4.....	3 00
Arthur V. Pond, ballot clerk, November.....	3 00
Vincenzo Calabrese, services in criminal case	3 20
L. T. Gaskill, stamps and carfare.....	2 40
Geo. M. Taft, coal for fire department	2 00
A. I. Barrows, work on town lawns	10 00
J. M. French, fumigating three houses	11 00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., use of telephone	73 94

H. M. Curtiss, coal for fire department	\$7 50
L. T. Gaskill, cash paid for envelopes	2 00
Hub Book Binding & Supply Co.	9 50
H. S. Coleman, three-fourths wages during quar-	
antine, Act, 1907.....	35 45
Steere & Brown, stamps, supplies, etc.,.....	8 15
H. F. Taylor, cash paid for weighing receipt book,	1 00
M. U. Gaskill, expense to state road hearing	1 50
H. W. Gaskill, " " " " "	1 50
J. B. Driscoll, sealing hay scales.....	1 00
J. B. Driscoll, services, July 3 and 4 and lockup	
keeper	4 00
Geo. M. Taft, rent and care of extinguisher	16 00
" " " services as teller, November.....	1 00
Geo. W. Wood, returning 14 deaths.....	3 50
C. A. Fletcher, dog officer	4 00
H. C. Adams, stamps, telephone and express.....	8 53
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	\$432 25

STATE AID TO PENSIONERS, CHAP. 381, ACTS 1904.

Joanna Curley,	\$48 00
Lowell C. Cook	32 00
Albert V. French	44 00
Susan Hall Taft	48 00
Rufus Hazard and wife	96 00
Sarah Holbrook.....	28 00
Pauline Kingman	48 00
John S. McDonald	28 00
Sylvester Moores.....	72 00
Milton R. Billings and wife	120 00
Nancy A. Cross.....	32 00
Eliza A. Munsell	48 00
Waterman Taft	48 00
David Wilber	16 00
James H. Wilber	72 00
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	\$780 00

REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

C. A. Fletcher.....	\$1,600 00
C. A. Fletcher, bal. excise tax, 1907.....	183 59
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	\$1,783 59
Geo. B. Cromb, snow bill.....	\$85 40
C. A. Fletcher, " ".....	13 50
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	\$98 90

STATE ROAD.

Milford & Uxbridge Street Ry. Co., gravel.....	\$331 20
C. A. Fletcher, labor and cash paid on same.....	143 00
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	\$474 20

MEMORIAL DAY.

Cash paid L. T. Gaskill	\$50 00
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

Overseers of Poor	\$850 00
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SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS, SCHOOL PHYSICIAN,
BOOKS, INCIDENTALS AND TRANSPORTATION.

School department	\$3,425 00
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TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Julia F. Darling, 2 orders.....	\$250 00
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TOWN OFFICERS.

N. R. George, Auditor	\$6 00
C. H. Allen, Assessor and cash paid for supplies.....	60 75
C. A. Fletcher, Assessor and use of team	60 00
L. W. Holbrook, Assessor and use of team	60 00
H. C. Adams, Town Clerk	43 30
C. H. Allen, copying and preparing valuation and ex- press paid	12 25
C. A. Fletcher, copying and preparing valuation.....	12 00
M. U. Gaskill, chairman Selectmen	50 00
F. C. Lowell, Selectman.....	35 00
H. W. Gaskill, Selectman	30 00
L. T. Gaskill, Treasurer.....	50 00
L. T. Gaskill, Tax Collector (1904).....	65 00
D. E. Fisher, Constable	15 00
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	\$499 30

PRINTING.

Milford Journal Co., Town reports.....	\$50 00
“ “ “ Measles cards.....	1 75
“ “ “ Moth circulars and envelopes	3 70
“ “ “ Tax bills.....	2 50
“ “ “ Dog notices	1 80
G. M. Billings, Tally sheets	1 50
“ “ Official ballots.....	9 00
“ “ Registrars' notice	1 50
“ “ Tax bills.....	7 50
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	\$79 25

CARE AND SUPPLIES FOR TOWN HALL.

Remick Furniture Co., chairs	\$90 00
H. M. Curtiss, coal, 2 bills.....	15 00
M. U. Gaskill, cash paid for repairs	50
P. S. Coffin, wood	3 00
A. C. Eldredge, setting glass, etc	1 75
S. W. Wood, repairs.....	1 20
J. B. Driscoll, “	2 75
Raymond Barrows, Janitor, to Feb. 1, 1907.....	5 00

A. I. Barrow, Janitor, to Oct. 1, 1907.....	\$43 33
Roy A. Barrows, " Feb. 1, 1908	21 66
Supplies and sundries for janitor.....	10 00
Use of L. T. Gaskill's well 2 years.....	10 00
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	\$204 19

LIST OF JURORS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

NAME	OCCUPATION.
Luther W. Holbrook,	Farmer.
Frank M. Aldrich,	Farmer.
Clarence A. Taft,	Farmer.
Samuel W. Wood,	Carpenter.
Alfred I. Barrows,	Mechanic.
Owen J. McDonald,	Farmer.
William P. Greenwood,	Real Estate Broker.
Lyman Cook,	Farmer.
Albion A. Gaskill,	Farmer.
Ora P. Davenport,	Farmer.
Edward F. Driscoll,	Mechanic.
Leonard E. Taft,	Farmer.
Leonard T. Gaskill,	Retired.
John W. Esty,	Farmer.
Nathan M. Daniels,	Farmer.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Schools	\$3,400 00
School physician	25 00
Roads and bridges	1,600 00
Poor	850 00
Library	250 00
Interest	600 00
Incidentals	500 00
Town debt.....	650 00
Soldiers' Relief and Military aid	50 00
Memorial Day	50 00
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	\$7,975 00

RECAPITULATION.

Incidentals	\$432 25
State Aid to Pensioners, Chap. 381, Acts 1903.....	780 00
Roads and bridges.....	1,783 59
Snow bills.....	98 90
State road.....	474 20
Memorial Day.....	50 00
Poor.....	850 00
Schools.....	3,425 00
Taft Public Library	250 00
Town officers.....	499 30
Printing.....	79 25
Town hall.....	204 19
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	\$8,926 68

The Selectmen report that the available assets of the town are as follows :

Due from Collector of Taxes, 1905.....	\$51 91
“ “ “ “ 1906.....	551 03
“ “ “ “ 1907.....	2,190 24
“ “ State aid to soldiers, Chap. 381, Acts 1904.....	780 00
“ “ State, balance corporation tax.....	17 68
“ “ State highway commission.....	474 20
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	536 56
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	\$4,601 62

The liabilities of the town, so far as known, are as follows :

Due Town officers.....	\$195 00
“ Milford Savings Bank, 4 notes.....	3,500 00
“ “ “ “ 33 “	10,400 00
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	\$14,095 09

Net indebtedness of the town.....	\$9,493 38
Austin Wood Relief Fund, 2 orders.....	\$52 50

Receipt of monies of Street Railway Companies, to be expended on highways :—

Received of State Treasurer.....	\$43 79	
“ “ M. & U. Street Railway Co.,	302 66	
“ “ M., A. & W. Street Railway		
Co	35 31	
	<hr/>	\$381 76

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES U. GASKILL,
FREEMAN C. LOWELL,
HENRY W. GASKILL,

Selectmen of Mendon.

Mendon, Feb. 5, 1908.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1904.

DR.

To balance uncollected Feb. 7, 1907.....	\$7 40	
Interest received.....	1 45	
	<u> </u>	\$8 85

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer.....	\$8 85
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LEONARD T. GASKILL,

Collector of Taxes, 1904.

Mendon, Feb. 3, 1908.

1905.

DR.

To balance uncollected Feb. 7, 1907.....	\$602 28	
Interest received.....	51 12	
	<u> </u>	\$653 40

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer.....	\$584 08	
Abatements	17 41	
Amount uncollected.....	51 91	
	<u> </u>	\$653 40

LEONARD T. GASKILL,

Collector of Taxes, 1905.

Mendon, Feb. 3, 1908.

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1906.

DR.

To balance uncollected Feb. 7, 1907.....	\$2,255 09	
Interest received.....	77 53	
	<u> </u>	\$2,332 62

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer.....	\$1,722 62	
Abatements	58 97	
Amount uncollected.....	551 03	
	<u> </u>	\$2,332 62

LEONARD T. GASKILL,

Collector of Taxes, 1906.

Mendon, Feb. 3, 1908.

1907.

DR.

To taxes committed for collection.....	\$9,809 38	
Additional assessments, excise tax....	337 97	
Interest received.....	21 61	
	<u> </u>	\$10,168 96

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer	\$7,944 64	
Abatements	34 08	
Amount uncollected.....	2,190 24	
	<u> </u>	\$10,168 96

LEONARD T. GASKILL,

Collector of Taxes, 1907.

Mendon, Feb. 3, 1908.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Highway Surveyor submits the following report for the municipal year ending March 2, 1908:—

He debits himself with cash received of Town Treasurer \$1,797 09

He credits himself with the payment of the following bills:—

Charles A. Fletcher, for team work.....	\$498 75
Charles B. Williams, for team work	291 50
Warren Bates, for team work.....	4 00
William C. Robinson, for team work and gravel....	17 36
Fred A. Davenport, for team work and gravel.....	3 80
Henry Moores, for labor.....	151 36
William L. Munsell, for labor.....	134 01
Charles E. Kingman.....	34 13
Charles S. Kelley.....	62 37
Thomas H. Pierce.....	39 38
Manuel Rogers.....	84 88
John M. Towne.....	111 13
Charles A. Fletcher, highway surveyor.....	205 00
Charles H. Robinson, for gravel.....	1 76
Henry W. Gaskill.....	3 68
William Irons, for gravel.....	8 48
Abbott D. Whitney, for gravel.....	2 24
Frances Lyons, " ".....	20 64
William H. Kendall, " ".....	6 88
Almira F. Fletcher, " ".....	13 76
John B. Warner, " ".....	4 00
Luther E. Taft, " ".....	8 72
Albert W. Gaskill, " ".....	16 00
Mary M. Dudley, " ".....	12 08
Alcy M. Gaskill " ".....	80
H. T. Heredeen, for repairs on road scraper.....	13 65

Steere & Brown, for supplies.....	\$2 00
Clark Ellis & Sons, for supplies.....	1 70
Leonard T. Gaskill, for stone post.....	75
J. B. Driscoll, for repairs.....	8 55
Norris, Staples & Gould, for supplies.....	18 10
Putman W. Taft, for gravel.....	2 00
Charles A. Fletcher, plank.....	2 00
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	\$1,785 46

SNOW BILLS.

March 1907.

C. A. Fletcher, labor on snow.....	\$6 25	
Leon Paddock, " " "	3 75	
Fred Cain, " " "	3 50	13 50
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		\$1,798 96
Balance due surveyor.....		1 87
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		\$1,797 09

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. FLETCHER,

Highway Surveyor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the fiscal year ending Feb. 3, 1908.

Ella Ellis, John B. Mellen, Mary Hayward and family, Thomas Gardner, Edna French, Mary Johnson, John Grady and Frank E. Barrows and family, (having a legal settlement in Mendon) have been wholly or partially supported.

The Overseers charge themselves with the receipt of the following named funds belonging to the town:

Balance on hand from last year.....	\$13 58
Received from Thomas Gardner's property.....	1 00
Two town orders.....	850 00
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	\$864 58

The Overseers credit themselves with paying the following amounts, viz:

For support of Ella Ellis.....	\$189 50
John B. Mellen.....	166 25
Thomas Gardner.....	63 45
Frank E. Barrows and family.....	2 00
Edna French.....	74 91
John Grady.....	33 30
Mary Hayward and family.....	3 20
Mary Johnson.....	208 00
Cash paid for paper, envelopes and stamps.....	4 41
Edward L. Smith, services as overseer, 1907.....	6 00
Moses U. Gaskill, services as chairman overseers, 1907.....	50 00
Cost of supporting the poor for the year ending Feb- ruary 3, 1907.....	<hr/> \$801 02
Cash in hands of Overseers to balance.....	63 56
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	\$864 58

George R. Ford served as overseer until the date of his death.

Edward L. Smith was a member of the board of overseers until he moved to Hopedale in December.

MOSES U. GASKILL,

Chairman of Overseers of the Poor.

Mendon, Feb. 3, 1908.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

DOGS REGISTERED IN 1907.

92 male dogs,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$184 00	
8 female dogs,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40 00	
									\$224 00
Registration fees,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$20 00	
Paid County Treasurer,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	204 00	
									\$224 00

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1907.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS, WITH MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER.
1906.		
Mar. 19	Gertrude Hogarth,	Robert J. and Olive F. Wilbur.
1907.		
Jan. 22	Female	
Jan. 22	Edith Cora Ferris,	George and Grace E. Arrand.
Mar. 5	Joanna Elizabeth Kendall,	William H. and Mary Hunt.
Mar. 16	Harold Clayton Harvey,	Herbert L. and Bessie Fisher.
June 26	Harland Metcalf,	Fred M. and Mary A. Williams.
June 26	Harold Metcalf,	Fred M. and Mary A. Williams.
June 26	Rudin, (Male)	John Arthur and Anna Carlson.
July 13	Dorothy Kelley Arrand,	Roy and Annie M. Kelley.
July 21	Miriam Flooks,	Robert and Mary Ayers.
Aug. 5	Norry Joseph Lessord,	Joseph and Mary Mackey.
Aug. 10	Mathewson, (Female)	Willard P. and Lucy A. Kenney.
Aug. 22	Mabel Lorraine Tero,	Lewis J. and Mabel L. Wright.
Aug. 30	Walter Edward Southwick,	William S. and Alice E. Fisher.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1907.

DATE OF MARRIAGE.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
1907.		
Jan. 4	Frank A. Grant,	Milford, Mass.
	Amelia M. Curliiss,	Mendon.
Apr. 19	John Arthur Rudin,	Milford, Mass.
	Annie Carlson,	Milford, Mass.

DATE OF MARRIAGE. 1907.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
May 6	Clinton S. Mesler, Bessie M. Lord,	Hyde Park, Mass. Mendon.
June 18	Raymond Barrows, Lulu Elizabeth Taft,	Mendon. Mendon.
June 25	Charles H. Whitney, Edna Mabel Howland,	Milford, Mass. So. Framingham, Mass.
July 24	Clifford Alvin Thompson, Isabelle Chapman Rowe,	Natick, Mass. Mendon.
Aug. 1	Ralph Wilder Coffin, Annie Caroline Barton,	Mendon. Upton, Mass.
Aug. 23	Walter Irving Coffin, Arabella Louise Phillips,	Mendon. Upton, Mass.
Aug. 28	Joseph Victorine DeCosta, Barba de Brown,	Mendon. Fall River, Mass.
Sept. 7	Arthur Collins Esty, Mabel K. Gassett,	Mendon. So. Framingham, Mass.
Sept. 9	J. Stuart Cox, Jessie E. Cook,	Mendon. Mendon.
Sept. 14	Joseph Henry Dudley, Nancy Carrell,	Mendon. Milford, Mass.
Oct. 9	Julius Allen George, Martha Elizabeth Verry,	Mendon. Mendon.
Oct. 15	Clarence Augustus Taft, Mary Emily Benner,	Mendon. Bristol, Me.
Oct. 17	Charles Howard Dolloff, Elizabeth W. Wiggin,	Mendon. Stratham, N. H.
Dec. 25	Henry Wood Gaskill, Amy Breed Cornwell,	Mendon. Mendon.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1907.

DATE OF DEATH. 1906.	NAME.	Y.	AGE. M.	D.
Nov. 20 1907.	Gilbert Gaskill,	83	6	23
Jan. 22	Male	—	—	—
Feb. 22	Sarah A. Metcalf,	91	4	7
Feb. 23	Percy E. Greene,	26	11	6
Feb. 24	Charles Fletcher,	86	—	2
Mar. 8	Melinda Southwick,	76	9	26
Mar. 13	Lewis Bates,	63	11	21
Mar. 17	Alice M. Southwick,	55	5	5
Mar. 19	Alzada Gaskill,	83	8	11
Apr. 8	George R. Ford,	69	4	12
May 3	Samuel Warren Wilcox,	70	7	6
May 6	Aldrich J. Thurber,	81	4	14
May 17	George A. Aldrich,	85	7	25
May 22	Adaline A. Davenport,	86	9	5
May 26	William Daley,	49	11	13

DATE OF DEATH. 1907.	NAME.	Y.	AGE.		D.
			M.		
June 12	Amelia F. Smith,	18	6		15
June 26	Harland Metcalf,	—	—		1-4
June 30	Amy Tucker,	53	4		—
July 13	Susan Daniels Moore,	61	—		—
July 19	Dorothy G. Wheeler,	91	—		21
July 21	Susan E. Wilbur,	71	6		12
July 22	Miriam Flooks,	—	—		1
Aug. 2	Julia F. Brown,	49	1		21
Aug. 17	Richard Barry,	69	7		17
Nov. 14	Mary M. Dudley,	73	10		20
Nov. 30	Emma F. Fletcher,	49	6		19
Dec. 7	Austin Dwight Davenport,	65	9		13
Dec. 21	Ella J. Whiting,	23	7		—
Dec. 28	Maria Wilbur,	70	7		13

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above list of births, marriages and deaths, and if errors or omissions are found, report them to the town clerk, in order that the record may be corrected. Herewith are extracts from the Revised Laws. Section 6 of Chapter 29, of said laws requires that "Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born. Every householder in whose house a death occurs, shall, within five days thereafter, cause notice thereof to be given to the board of health, or, if the selectmen constitute such board, to the town clerk."

Blanks for the return of births and deaths can always be obtained of the town clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE C. ADAMS,

Town Clerk.

Mendon, Feb. 6, 1908.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Taft Public Library respectfully submit the following report:—

During the past year, the work of re-classification and cataloguing has been continued. Certain departments have been finished to date, but there is still much work to be done, if the resources of the library are to be satisfactorily utilized.

The increased usefulness of the library, due to the removal of the paper covers from the books, the new method of cataloguing, the lowering of the age limit, at which a child may become a card holder, is fully attested by the report of the librarian. The removal of the paper covers has added much to the attractiveness of the library; the screens for windows and door add to the comfort. It gives us pleasure to report that patrons have expressed much satisfaction with the new conditions.

The librarian's report shows an encouraging decrease in the number of books issued under the head of fiction, and a corresponding increase in other departments.

Three copies of "Mendon Annals" have been sold. Six books have been destroyed for fear of infection.

The trustees, in behalf of the citizens, wish to express their thanks for all gifts to the library during the past year. We also wish to thank Mrs. George, to whose unflagging interest so large a degree of the year's success is due. The trustees would recommend an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

ERWIN A. SNOW,
JULIA F. DARLING,
MOSES U. GASKILL,
FRANK H. WOOD,
HERBERT F. TAYLOR,

Trustees Taft Public Library.

Mendon, Feb. 1, 1908.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:—

The Library was re-opened for the delivery of books, Feb. 9, 1907.

The circulation for the year was 4,399. The largest number taken out any Saturday was 121; the smallest, 62; the average, 86. The circulation by classes was as follows: General works, including periodicals, 284; philosophy, 9; religion, 28; sociology, 11; natural science, 57; useful arts, 31; fine arts, 52; literature, 96; history, 114; travel, 134; biography, 49; fiction, 3,534.

There have been 128 volumes added to the Library during the year, 82 by purchase and 46 by gift. The Secretary of the Commonwealth gave 37; U. S. National Museum, 2; U. S. Bureau of Education, 2; Interstate Commerce Commission, 1; A. E. Pillsbury, 1; estate of Pliny Earle, M. D., 1; C. E. Day, 1; anonymously given, 1. J. A. George gave four volumes of Harper's magazine and four of the Outing, unbound; Florence Darling, 2 volumes of the Century, unbound.

There are now 4,352 volumes in the Library. These are divided into classes as follows: General works, 267; philosophy, 37; religion, 89; sociology, 111; philology, 1; natural science, 117; useful arts, 82; fine arts, 45; literature, 259; history, 448; travel, 280; biography, 452; fiction, 1975; reference books, (not classified,) 105; duplicates, 84. There are also several hundred additional volumes stored in the Town hall building.

Respectfully submitted,

LENA W. GEORGE,

Librarian.

Mendon, Feb. 1, 1908.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer of the Taft Public Library, for the
year ending Feb. 1, 1908.

DR.

To balance from account of 1907.....	\$9 27
Received for fines.....	5 10
Received on two town orders.....	250 00
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	\$264 37

CR.

Paid W. B. Clarke Co., books.....	\$73 65
“ Steere & Brown.....	2 15
“ Gaylord Bros., supplies.....	4 10
“ H. C. Adams, material.....	60
“ G. M. Billings, labels and printing.....	4 00
“ Express.....	3 79
“ H. H. Lent, screens.....	13 00
“ G. E. Stimpson, cards.....	10 15
“ A. C. Eldredge, labor and material.....	11 52
“ Lena W. George, cataloguing.....	30 00
“ E. A. Snow, cash for labor.....	2 65
“ G. C. Coffin, fuel.....	9 50
“ Jacob Brown, labor.....	1 00
“ J. B. Townley, binding.....	17 40
“ A. I. Barrows, labor.....	5 00
“ New York Tribune Almanac.....	25
“ Cleaning.....	70
“ Material.....	60
“ Lena W. George, salary.....	50 00
“ New England Historical Genealogical society..	3 00
Cash on hand.....	21 31
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	\$264 37

Respectfully submitted,

JULIA F. DARLING,

Treasurer.

Mendon, Feb. 1, 1908.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Town Officers who have received or disbursed funds belonging to the Town for the municipal year ending March 2, 1908, and find them correctly kept and with proper vouchers.

NATHAN R. GEORGE,
Auditor.

Mendon, Feb. 1, 1908.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF MENDON,
FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR 1907-08.

MILFORD, MASS.:
MILFORD JOURNAL COMPANY,
1908.

ORGANIZATION OF
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1907-1908.

FRANK H. WOOD, Chairman,	Term expires 1909
HERBERT J. GEORGE, Secretary,	“ “ 1910
*GEORGE SCRIVEN.	

SUPERINTENDENT.

HERBERT F. TAYLOR,	Term began 1902
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TRUANT OFFICERS.

EDWARD C. KINSLEY,	LYMAN COOK,
HERBERT F. TAYLOR.	

*Died Jan. 29, 1908.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

The School Committee respectfully submits the following financial report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, Feb. 1, 1907.....	\$121 30
From State, School Fund.....	1,229 99
“ “ for assistant in High School ..	500 00
“ “ “ Superintendent	416 66
“ County Treasurer, dog tax.....	181 56
“ Mr. Austin, tuition.....	17 00
Appropriation	3,400 00
Special appropriation for doctor.....	25 00
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	\$5,891 51

DISBURSEMENTS.

Teachers' salaries	\$3,030 00
Superintendent..	676 33
Janitors.....	356 00
Fuel.....	512 79
Transportation	618 00
Text books and supplies	261 84
Incidentals..	231 31
Balance, Feb. 1, 1908.....	205 24
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	\$5,891 51

Teachers:—

Gunnar J. Leufgren.....	\$375 00
B. W. Sanderson	300 00
Mabelle E. Davis	450 00
Elizabeth I. Ham.....	432 00
Mary E. Dudley	387 00

Margaret A. Spalton	\$189 00	
Annie V. Phillips.....	133 00	
Mabel O. Tracy	42 00	
Jessie E. Cook	162 00	
Grace Hartman	162 00	
Alice Coffin.....	288 00	
Frank H. Lowell	110 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,030 00

Fuel:—

Wm. Johnston & Co.,.....	\$430 29	
Phillip S. Coffin.....	27 00	
L. Francis Thayer	50 50	
Edward H. Taft.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$512 79

Transportation:—

Alfred I. Barrows.....	\$237 00	
George M. Taft.....	144 00	
David E. Hill	112 00	
M. & U. St. Ry. Co.....	120 00	
M., A. & W. St. Ry. Co.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$618 00

Superintendent:—

Superintendent	\$676 33	
Received from State for year	416 66	
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Net cost for year	\$259 67	

Incidentals:—

Frank Reed, tuning piano twice	\$4 00	
C. S. & S. S. Hudson, glass and putty	40	
Jacob R. Brown, glass and labor	3 00	
Joseph Dudley, services at graduation	1 00	
A. C. Eldredge, painting Albeeville School House.....	30 00	
E. A. Harding, gravel, carting and grading.....	3 22	
Wm. H. Bennett, repairs and painting at East Mendon.....	66 92	
Mary Hogarth, cleaning, 2 years.....	10 00	
Eldredge & Son, 12 gals. floor dress- ing, 1 gal. asphaltum.....	9 90	

H. W. Brown, repairing lawn mower	\$	75	
Clark Ellis & Sons, conductor, labor, door check		15	75
H. F. Taylor, freight, cartage, travel- ing expenses, etc.....		27	77
H. J. George, services as district com., as secretary taking school census, labor and postage.....		21	90
George Scriven, services as district com., and carting steam fitters' tools		4	25
Frank H. Wood, services as district com		1	25
George Whiting, care of lawn and cleaning		30	75
Steere & Brown, oil, soap, broom, etc.		3	45
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Janitors:—

George Whiting	\$320	00	
Jessie E. Cook.....	9	00	
Grace Hartman.....	9	00	
Alice Coffin.....	18	00	
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Text Books and Supplies:

Oliver Ditson Co.	\$1	20	
F. W. Martin		75	
Elizabeth I. Ham.....	1	35	
Benjamin H. Sanborn	6	67	
Rand, McNally & Co.....	4	60	
L. E. Knobb Apparatus Co	9	32	
G. M. Billings.....	8	75	
H. F. Taylor.....	3	90	
J. L. Hammett		45	
Edward E. Babb Co.....	168	02	
Ginn & Co	17	93	
D. C. Heath & Co	16	00	
F. W. Draper & Co.....	7	10	
Milton, Bradley & Co	1	60	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.....	5	10	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	9	10	
	<hr/>		\$261 84

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. WOOD,
HERBERT J. GEORGE.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MENDON:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my sixth annual report, which is the fourteenth of the superintendent of schools.

There is little that is new to chronicle in the work of the past year, for aside from a change of teachers, there have been no radical departures in courses or methods. This does not mean that the schools have stood still; it means that the year has been profitably spent in working out the details of the plan inaugurated when the building at the Centre was opened, some time ago.

A period has been reached in the development of our schools, when it seems desirable to lengthen the period of instruction by the introduction of a ninth grade.

The purpose of this, is not primarily for the purpose of furnishing a better preparation for the high school, although it will certainly do that. It is for the purpose of giving those pupils who do not enter the high school, or who do not finish the course, an added year of instruction in the so-called English branches.

A source of discord between school and home during the past year has been due to the misunderstandings concerning the provisions of the law concerning Medical Inspection.

The following explanation may be of service to the parents. The purpose of the law is two-fold; first, to insure that the children are in a condition of health, which enables them to successfully do the work of the grade in which they are placed; second, to prevent the spread of contagion by promptly diagnosing and excluding all cases that are at all suspicious. The medical inspector's decision concerning exclusion, length of quarantine, and re-admission is final, the teacher's responsibility ending when the case has been called to the attention of the school physician. The eye and ear tests are made by the teachers, whose duty ends when the parent has been notified of the defect found. This would seem to be the weakest part of the law, for it sometimes happens that the parents are unable or unwilling to remedy the defects which are called to their attention, and as the

school physician is forbidden to prescribe for any of the children, the child is compelled to attempt to keep up to grade while physically unfit. The danger of permanent injury to eye or ear from this neglect is great, and the future usefulness of the pupil is thus impaired. Town or state should have the power of providing the necessary medical attendance, thus assuring the child his full development.

The question of introducing courses in Agriculture in the small high schools has been much discussed the past year, and it is probable that the present Legislature will be asked to provide the means of offering such instruction to the children of the smaller towns. As many of the questions relating to the subject are as yet unsettled, it would seem the part of wisdom to wait before seriously discussing the question as applied to the Mendon high school.

There have been two changes in the teaching force the past year, Mr. Gunnar J. Leufgren resigning the principalship of the high school to accept a more lucrative position in a private school in Buffalo, and Miss Margaret Spalton resigning to become principal of a school in her home city.

The places have been most satisfactorily filled by the election of Mr. Burton W. Sanderson as principal of the high school and Miss Mabel O. Tracy to the intermediate school. As this report goes to press, I have to report the resignation of Miss Hartman from the East school, and the election of her successor, in the person of Miss Gertrude Farmer, a recent graduate of the Lowell Normal school.

I am pleased to mention the growing interest on the part of the high school boys in athletics, and the very gratifying interest on the part of the townspeople in their success. Permit me to suggest that the school is primarily a place for work, and to call attention of the parents to the rule prohibiting a boy not doing passable work in his studies playing on any team calling itself the high school team.

Please accept my thanks for the many favors shown me during the past year. I would also express my appreciation of the very kindly interest of the parents and townspeople in the work the teachers are doing. This co-operation is a very valuable assistance in carrying on the work of education.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. TAYLOR,
Superintendent.

SCHOOL REGISTER STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER, 1906, TO JUNE, 1907.

SCHOOLS.	Average membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Total Enrollment.	Total Days of Absence.	Tardy.	Dis-miss'd.	Corporal Punishment.	Visits by Superintendent.	Visits by Others.
High	27.73	25.93	93.86	28	319.5	538*	39	0	37	33
Grammar	31.55	29.13	92.32	34	427.5	45	27	0	48	39
Intermediate	41.1	38.1	92.5	43	509.5	69	18	2	38	28
Primary	26.63	23.88	89.67	30	495.	44	13	0	33	32
East	13.7	13.56	99.	15	28.	0	0	0	20	117
Albeeville	13.1	10.9	83.	16	324.5	446†	34	0	14	14
Summary	153.81	141.5	92.	166	2094	1142	131	2	190	263

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* Most of these tardy marks due to failure of the car connections.

† Most of these due to indifference.

	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Number between five and fifteen,	74	77	151
Number between seven and fourteen,	48	65	113
Number over fifteen,	7	6	13

School Census Statistics, Sept., 1907.

Number of children in town between five and fifteen,	71	72	143
Number of children in town between seven and fourteen,	43	56	99

TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1907.

SCHOOL.	TEACHERS.	WHERE FITTED.
High, Grammar, Intermediate, Primary, East, Albeeville,	Burton W. Sanderson, Mabelle E. Davis, Elizabeth I. Ham, Mabel O. Tracy, Mary A. Dudley, Gertrude Farmer, Alice G. Coffin,	Bates College. Mt. Holyoke. Edward Little High School. Johnson Normal. Mendon High School. Lowell Normal. Mendon High School.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1907-1908.

	FALL TERM, 14 Weeks.		WINTER TERM, 12 Weeks.		SPRING TERM, 10 Weeks.	
	OPENS.	CLOSES.	OPENS.	CLOSES.	OPENS.	CLOSES.
Lower Schools, High School 40 Weeks.	Sept. 9, 1907.	Dec. 13, 1907.	Dec. 30, 1907.	Mar. 20, 1908.	April 6, 1908.	June 12, 1908.
	Sept. 3, 1907.	Dec. 20, 1907.	Dec. 30, 1907.	Mar. 27, 1908.	April 6, 1908.	June 19, 1908.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1908-1909.

	FALL TERM, 14 Weeks.		WINTER TERM, 12 Weeks.		SPRING TERM, 10 Weeks.	
	OPENS.	CLOSES.	OPENS.	CLOSES.	OPENS.	CLOSES.
Lower Schools, High School 40 Weeks,	Sept. 14, 1908.	Dec. 18, 1908.	Jan. 4, 1909.	Mar. 26, 1909.	April 12, 1909.	June 18, 1909.
	Sept. 8, 1908.	Dec. 18, 1908.	Dec. 28, 1908.	April 2, 1909.	April 12, 1909.	June 25, 1909.

Graduating Exercises of the MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

AT THE

Unitarian Church, Friday Evening, June 21, 1907.

March	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
									FRANK H. LOWELL.
Song, All Hail Land of the Free,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C. J. Rice
									SCHOOL.
Essay, Literature Versus Fiction,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
									NINA MARION BURR.
Essay, Importance of Current Events in a High School Curriculum,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
									KATHERINE AGNES HARRINGTON.
Song, The Clang of the Forge,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Paul Redney
									SCHOOL.
Essay, National Hymns,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
									FLORENCE JOANNA ALDRICH.
Address, The Continuous Education,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
									REV. ELBERT W. WHITNEY.
Song, The Bells of Seville,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	W. H. Jude
									SCHOOL.
Presentation of Diplomas,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
									SUPERINTENDENT HERBERT F. TAYLOR.
Song, Star of Descending Night,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	L. O. Emerson
									SCHOOL.

GRADUATES.

Latin Course—Florence Joanna Aldrich, Nina Marion Burr, Katherine Agnes Harrington.

Motto—Success Crowns Endeavor.

Colors—Gray and Pink.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy for the consecutive terms specified.

THREE YEARS.

Moses Coleman—*Grammar*.

TWO YEARS.

Lois Congdon, Charlotte A. Snow—*High*.

Sumner Coleman—*Grammar*.

Gladys Blood, Charles Holbrook—*Intermediate*.

Hilda Thayer—*East*.

FIVE TERMS.

Agnes Harrington—*Grammar*.

Margaret Turnbull, Doris Thayer—*East*.

ONE YEAR.

Beatrice Taft—*Grammar*.

Benjamin Eldredge—*Intermediate*.

Margaret McTurk, Lyman Cook—*East*.

WINTER AND SPRING TERMS.

Edith Hoberg, Forrest Lowell—*Intermediate*.

Martha Lowell, Herbert C. Forbes—*Primary*.

Frank Phillips—*East*.

FALL TERM.

Charles V. Driscoll, George E. Sprague, Katherine Harrington—*High*.

Mabel Robinson, Nina Taft, Edward Taft, Edward Kinsley—*Grammar*.

Edith Kinsley, Bernice Barnes, Ernest Parkinson, Thomas Flooks—*Intermediate*.

Ernest R. Goss, Isabella Harrington—*Primary*.

Harold Frens, Carl Frens, Raymond McKeowne, Thomas McTurk—*East*.

WINTER TERM.

Pearl Cromb—*Grammar*.

William Turnbull—*East*.

SPRING TERM.

Leslie Burr, Harriet Forbes, Nina Taft, Charles Fleming, Edward Kinsley—*Grammar*.

Mildred Arrand, Evelyn Thompson, George Aldrich, Clement Holbrook—*Intermediate*.

Bertha Barnes, Carl F. Hoberg, G. Kenneth Taft, Esther Eldredge, Charles H. Gillis, Ernest R. Goss, Lora E. Thompson—*Primary*.

George Ferris, Grace Ferris—*Albeeville*.

TOWN WARRANT.

Worcester, ss.—To the Constable of the Town of Mendon,
in the County of Worcester, Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Mendon, on Monday, the second day of March next, punctually at 9 o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To bring in their votes for the following officers—A Town Clerk for one year; three Selectmen for one year; three Assessors, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; three Overseers of the Poor for one year; a Town Treasurer for one year; a Collector of Taxes for one year; an Auditor for one year; one Highway Surveyor for one year; one Constable for one year; three Fence Viewers for one year; one Trustee of the Taft Public Library for two years; one School Committee for three years; also to bring in their votes, "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" all on one ballot, designating the office intended for each person voted for.

ARTICLE 4. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 5. To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray town charges and make appropriations for the same.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as reported by the Selectmen, or make any alteration in the same.

ARTICLE 7. To see what measures the town will adopt to secure the speedy collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money to pay current expenses for the municipal year commencing March 2, 1908, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will continue communication by telephone with Milford, as security against destruction by fire, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for Memorial day services and appoint a committee to expend the same.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will authorize the Town Clerk to make a copy of the second book of records of births and deaths, or act in any way in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see what action the town will take relative to actions that have been or may be brought by or against the town.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to reconsider the vote establishing the price list of rental of town hall and establish a new price list, or take any action in relation thereto.

The polls may be closed at 1 P. M. 3-

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said town, seven days at least before time of holding said meeting, viz:—At the post office, and on the guide-board near the school-house in Albeeville, and at the post office in South Milford.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight.

MOSES U. GASKILL,
FREEMAN C. LOWELL,
HENRY W. GASKILL.

Selectmen of Mendon.







